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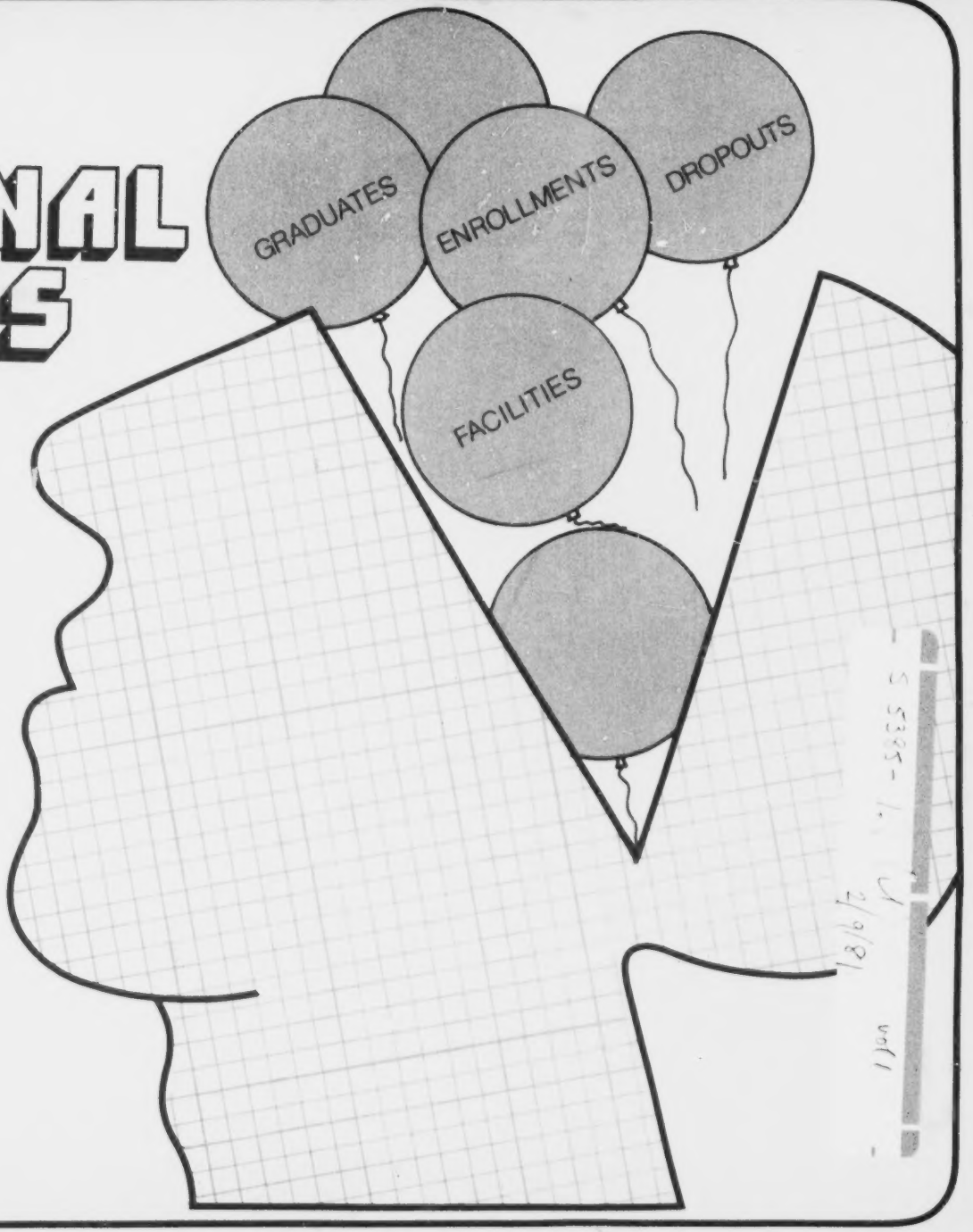

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PREFACE

The 1979-80 edition of Vital Educational Statistics is the sixth in a series which began in 1974-75. It is the third year of a revised series using data derived from redesigned instruments supported by detailed and illustrated instructions. It is also the second year the publication has been divided into two volumes. A glossary of terms and definitions has been added for the first time in the series.

This Volume (I) contains school district and school data, including enrollments, dropouts, graduates and facilities data. Each of the three major sections of the publication (school districts and schools; students; and facilities) contains a statement outlining the various New Jersey and federal requirements mandating data collections and statements detailing how the data will be used.

The 1979-80 edition contains data that users will identify with the 1980 Census Year. Because the present edition was anticipated as representative of Census Year data, district data analysts who supplied the data were asked to exercise special care in collecting and reporting the data. Through their efforts, the county data analysts and the editing procedures employed by the Office of Management Information the data presented here are acceptable for use in additional studies.

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INTRODUCTION

To gain perspectives that may not be possible with data for a single reporting year, a statewide enrollment trend chart is presented showing elementary, secondary and total enrollment for New Jersey public school districts. Briefly, the chart illustrates the following points for the fifty year period 1929-30 to 1979-80:

1. In total, enrollments have been declining since the school year 1972-73 (not indicated on chart) This is not true of all districts; in certain districts and counties enrollments are still increasing.

2. The total enrollments for 1979-80 (1,28[illegible] ?[illegible]) have approached the levels experienced between 1964-65 and 1965-66. Projections to 1984-85 indicate that total enrollments may decrease to levels experienced in the early 1960s.

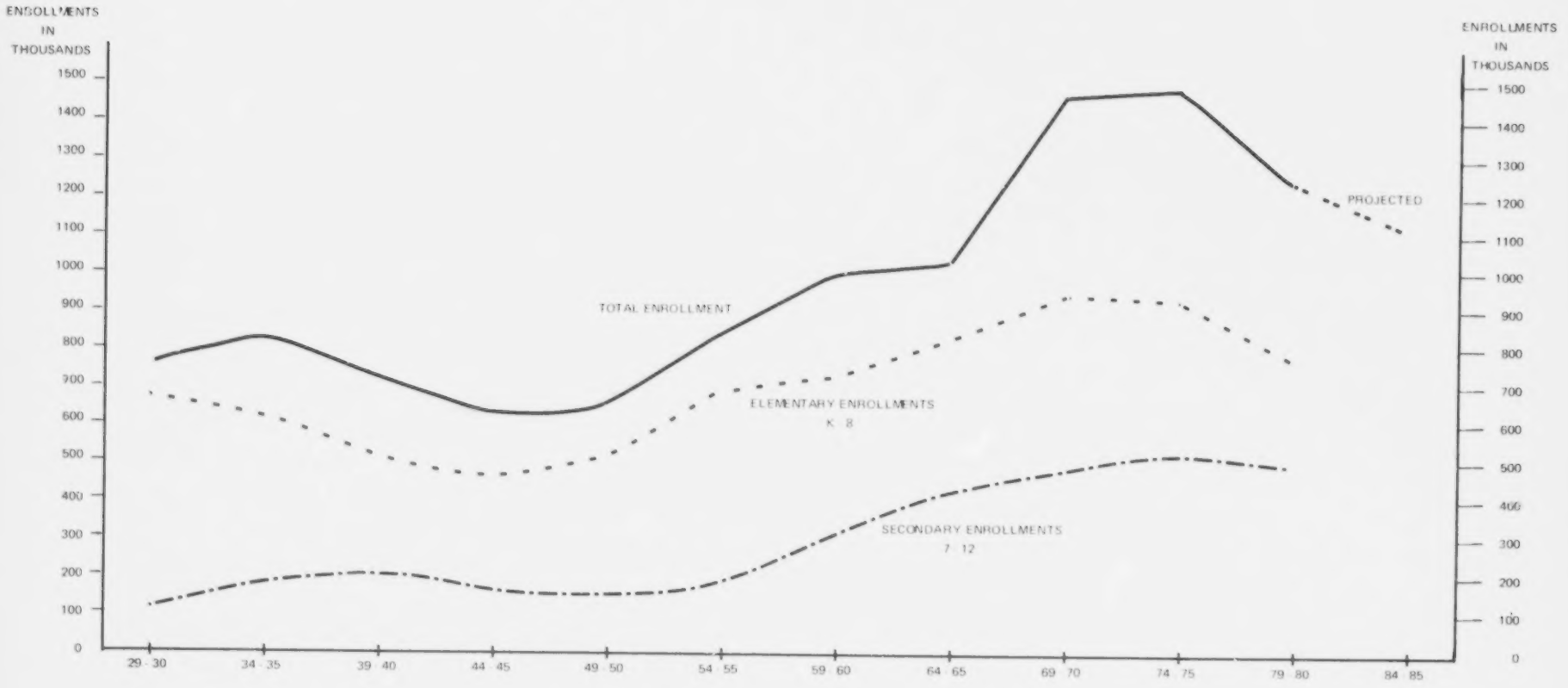
3. Elementary school enrollments have declined since the statewide peak (not indicated on chart) attained in 1970-71 (976,887) to 798,329 in 1979-80. The 1979-80 elementary school enrollments are similar to those experienced during the early part of the 1960s.

4. Secondary school enrollments peaked during the year 1975-76 (not indicated on chart). That peak of 534,298 has since declined to the 489,930 figure reported in 1979-80. The most recent secondary school enrollment (fall 1980) approximates the enrollment levels experienced during the latter part of the 1960s.

Supporting Enrollment Data

School Year	Total	Grades K-8	Grades 7-12
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1929-30	785,225	672,083	113,142
1934-35	809,926	620,977	188,949
1939-40	732,949	527,162	205,787
1944-45	635,080	463,438	171,572
1949-50	672,408	513,466	158,942
1954-55	852,426	677,921	174,505
1959-60	1,014,693	704,840	309,853
1964-65	1,254,625	821,873	432,752
1969-70	1,454,378	961,372	493,006
1974-75	1,466,956	936,862	530,094
1979-80	1,288,259	798,329	489,930
1984-85	1,107,000 (Projected)		

NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENTS 1929-30 TO 1979-80



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SECTION I

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Section I contains the following tables: Table I, Operating and Non-Operating Public School Districts; Table II, Enrollment Size of New Jersey Public School Districts; and Table III, New Jersey Public Schools by Type of School.

Table I shows an increase in the number of districts from 613 in 1978-79 to 617 in 1979-80. The increase was due to the formation of educational agencies that provide services cooperatively to more than one basic local educational agency in an area or region. The growth in the number of these agencies continues to reflect efforts to organize the delivery of educational services to meet changing needs of target populations. Of the increase in agencies, three became operational and one remained non-operational. Throughout this publication, data will be reported only for those 596 districts that were in operation during 1979-80.

Table II depicts school district enrollment size in the most densely populated state in the nation. Three hundred and ten (310) districts have enrollments greater than 1,000 students. That number is five (5) less than in 1978-79. Twelve (12) districts have enrollments greater than 12,000 students. That is one (1) less than in 1978-79. Two hundred and eighty-six (286) districts, (48 percent) have enrollments less than 1,000 students.

Table III is a summary of schools by school type. Column 12 shows a total of 2,417 public schools, a net decrease of 26 from the previous year. Of the total number of public schools (1979-80), 1,971 were elementary and 446 were secondary schools. Increases in school type (over 1978-79) were in secondary schools for the handicapped (an increase of 4), an increase of six (6) four year high schools, and one additional vocational school. Decreases in school type were primarily in the elementary school category, junior high schools and three-year high schools.

Counties reporting increases in the number of schools were: Atlantic, Cape May and Ocean. Eight counties reported no change in the number of schools. Each of the remaining ten counties reported one or more fewer schools.

TABLE I

OPERATING AND NON-OPERATING NEWJERSEY
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
BY COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 28, 1979

COUNTY	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS		TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL OPERATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EACH COUNTY
	OPERATING	NON-OPERATING		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Atlantic	25	0	25	4.2
Bergen	75	2	77	12.6
Burlington	45	0	45	7.6
Camden	38	4	42	6.4
Cape May	17	2	19	2.9
Cumberland	16	0	16	2.7
Essex	23	0	23	3.9
Gloucester	29	0	29	4.9
Hudson	14	0	14	2.3
Hunterdon	29	0	29	4.9
Mercer	11	0	11	1.8
Middlesex	25	1	26	4.2
Monmouth	52	4	56	8.7
Morris	41	1	42	6.9
Ocean	29	1	30	4.9
Passaic	20	0	20	3.3
Salem	14	0	14	2.3
Somerset	20	3	23	3.3
Sussex	26	1	27	4.3
Union	23	0	23	3.9
Warren	24	2	26	4.0
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS	596	21	617	100.0
PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS	96.6	3.4	100.0	